

IN THE DRAWINGS

Attached to the present paper, Applicants are submitting substitute sheet of drawings containing Figure 43. Figure 43 has been amended by the incorporation therein, interiorly of the belt 210 and guide member 1120, of opposed core 233 and magnetism masking element 301.

These changes to figure 43 were made upon the request of the Examiner during a telephone interview on July 9, 2008. Further, these changes to Figure 43 do not constitute prohibited new matter. Rather, these changes merely serve to explicitly illustrate, in Figure 43, fully disclosed and described features of the present invention. In particular, the features added to Figure 43 were previously contained, inter alia, in Figure 5 of the present application and have been added to Figure 43 merely in order to enhance the clarity of the present disclosure.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, Applicants are submitting a substitute sheet of drawings containing Figure 43. In view of the above noted submission, together with the remarks to follow, as well as the amendments and remarks contained in the response filed in the present application on May 30, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections as set forth in the Official Action of March 3, 2008 together with passage of the present application to allowance, in due course.

In the above noted Official Action, the Examiner made a number of rejections, including, particularly, a rejection of claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In the above noted response filed on May 30, 2008, Applicants traversed the above noted rejection and pointed out that the present application provides clear support for the recitations of claim 33. Subsequently, the Examiner in charge of the present application contacted Applicants undersigned representative by telephone and requested further clarification and amplification of Applicants' position regarding the basis, in the disclosure, for recitations of claim 33.

This resulted in a series of telephone discussions which culminated on July 9, 2008. During the above noted discussions, Applicants undersigned representative pointed out that claim 33 is an originally filed claim of the present application. Additionally, during a discussion of the features shown in Figure 43, the Examiner questioned whether Figure 43, which was set forth as an illustration of embodiment 17 of the present application, and to which claim 33 is directed, is complete. Applicants undersigned representative asserted that Fig. 43 was complete for showing the features of

claim 33 (i.e. by which embodiment 17 is different from other disclosed embodiments). However, Applicants pointed out the claim 33 depends upon claim 1 and that the features recited in claim 1 are more clearly shown in other drawings (particularly in Figure 5) and that it is clearly understood that the features of Figure 5, particularly the opposed core 233 and the magnetism masking element 301 are positioned in the interior of the guide plate 1120 and endless belt to 210.

After consulting with, it is assumed, several other Examiners, the Examiner indicated that he agreed with Applicants' expressed position that claim 33 was fully and adequately disclosed in the original disclosure of the present application. However, the Examiner requested that Figure 43 be revised to more explicitly show the features of the present invention as contained in Figure 5.

Applicants undersigned representative agreed to make the above changes while asserting that such changes are not necessary for the full and adequate disclosure of the features of claim 33, but are being made in order to accommodate the Examiner's concerns and to enhance the disclosure of the present application.


The Examiner is respectfully thanked for his full and detailed examination of the present application, for his raising the matter regarding support for the features of claim 33 and for generally being extremely courteous, cooperative, knowledgeable and helpful during the above noted series of telephone interviews, as well as during the examination of the present application.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to indicate consideration of the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herein on July 3, 2008.

Upon entry of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the issues in the present application have been resolved and that the present application is both in proper condition as well is in proper form for allowance. Applicants thus respectfully request an indication to such effect, in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this paper, or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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